



Annual Report 2023-24



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Introduction

Foreword from Faculty Director

The academic year of 2023-2024 was a major milestone: the re-opening of life at the Center in Beijing. Throughout the year the Center was the landing spot for UChicago's academic activities incorporating conferences, seminars, faculty and graduate student research, and the planning of our first group of undergraduates to study at the Center since the pandemic. We are grateful to our China-based partners and UChicago faculty who not only want to re-engage but take our relationship to deeper and more meaningful levels.



Faculty Director
J. Michael Millis, MD
Professor of Surgery
Vice Chair of Global Surgery

Foreword from Executive Director

I am pleased to present the annual report of the University of Chicago Center in Beijing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. This marks a significant milestone – our first year of in-person operation since the global pandemic. While the lingering effects of COVID-19 continue to be felt, we have adapted and thrived in this dynamic environment.

A Challenging Yet Fulfilling Year

Our work has undoubtedly been influenced by the uncertain geopolitical situation in the Pacific, particularly the complexities surrounding Sino-US relations, and China's economic challenges stemming from the pandemic. Despite these hurdles, our dedicated team has remained steadfast in its commitment to continuing to advance the University's global partnerships and activities in China. We have served our local and Chicago communities effectively, managing activities and events at the Center.

Fulfilling Our Mission

Throughout the year, the Center in Beijing has actively supported the University's mission by:

- **Facilitating academic collaborations** between UChicago scholars and leading Chinese institutions across various disciplines.
- **Serving as a vibrant hub for our local and Chicago communities**, fostering connections between alumni, students, faculty, and friends of the University.
- **Acting as a trusted ambassador** for the University, maintaining and building strong partnerships with universities, businesses, medical centers, policy groups, and government agencies in China.

Highlights of the Year

This report details the Center's accomplishments in the past year. We are particularly proud of:

- Hosting a diverse range of engaging events, including academic conferences, workshops, lectures, and information sessions, attracting over 3,189 participants.
- Facilitating impactful academic collaborations, such as: "Reassessing Timber-Frame Architectural Traditions in Southeast Shanxi, China" seminar and "UChicago Medicine China Forum 2024."
- Expanding our social media presence, attracting a readership of over 1 million through WeChat and Weibo, and strengthening our communication with the local community.

Looking Forward

As we move forward, the Center in Beijing remains committed to serving as a vital bridge between the University of Chicago and China. We are excited to continue fostering intellectual exchange, collaboration, and mutual understanding in the years to come.

We invite you to explore this report for a more detailed account of our activities and achievements.

Sincerely,



Zening Ge
Executive Director
University of Chicago Center in Beijing

About the Center

Mission

The University of Chicago Center in Beijing provides a physical presence to enhance and strengthen the University's traditionally strong ties to Chinese thought and culture. Building upon more than a century of collaboration between scholars from Chicago and China, the Center in Beijing enables the University to expand existing activities and form new alliances and partnerships with universities, businesses, medical centers, policy groups, government agencies, and cultural organizations in China.

The Center creates a base for University of Chicago faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates working in China. It serves as a gathering space for alumni throughout Asia and acts as a resource for Chinese researchers and students.

Focusing on three core areas where University of Chicago scholarship and the concerns of contemporary China intersect—business, economics, and policy; science, medicine, and public health; culture, society, and the arts—the Center capitalizes on a substantial body of work already underway, including faculty research and programs for students. The Center also houses the University's Civilization Abroad program for undergraduate students and an intensive language training program, and supports research and study at all levels from each of the University's divisions and schools and the College.

History

The University of Chicago's rich history of scholarly collaboration in China dates back to the early 1900s. In the span of a century, research partnerships between University of Chicago scholars and their Chinese counterparts have blossomed into dozens of ongoing relationships spanning many fields of study. The Center in Beijing builds on the University's legacy of engagement, providing an intellectual destination for research, teaching, and scholarly partnerships.

Business, Economics, and Policy

Chicago economics has had significant influence in China. In 1980, D. Gale Johnson, an expert on agricultural policy and development economics, led a group of U.S. economists, including Nobel laureate Theodore W. Schultz, to Beijing, where they delivered China's first course in modern economics. The Center provides a major platform for generating new dialogue between Chicago scholars and Chinese policymakers, scholars, and business leaders on topics such as human capital and economic development, trade and foreign exchange policy, environmental regulation and health policy, and effective business practices.

Culture, Society, and the Arts

Since the 1930s, when Herrlee G. Creel, PHB '26, PhD '29, one of the world's foremost scholars on China's early civilization and an authority on Confucius, helped found the University of Chicago's program in Far Eastern Studies, the University has been an important center for the study of Chinese language and civilization. Through international conferences, visiting positions, master seminars for faculty, and interactions with academic institutions, the Center will allow more Chicago scholars and students to engage in collaborations with China.

Science, Medicine, and Public Health

Since 1914, when University of Chicago President Harry Pratt Judson led the commission that helped establish the China Medical Board and Peking Union Medical College, the University has been home to many Chinese scientists who have made critical contributions to their fields, including Nobel laureates C.N. Yang, PhD ' 48, and T.D. Lee, PhD ' 50 (Physics, 1957) and Daniel Tsui, SM ' 63, PhD ' 67 (Physics, 1998). The Center provides a physical base for UChicago scientists and their Chinese colleagues to expand already substantial partnerships.

Leadership



Faculty Director (2019-present)
J. Michael Millis, MD
Professor of Surgery
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Executive Director
Zening Ge

2023-24 Faculty Committee

Shadi Bartsch-Zimmer | Classics

Guangbin Dong | Chemistry

Zhiguo He | Booth School of Business

Paola Iovene | East Asian Languages & Civilizations

Young-Kee Kim | Physics

Jonathan Lio | Medicine

Zhe-Xi Luo | Organismal Biology & Anatomy

Zhiying Ma | Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, & Practice

Alice Yao | Anthropology

Yingming Zhao | Cancer Research

Brook Ziporyn | Divinity

Team



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Operations
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Dola Chen



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Coordinator
David Huo



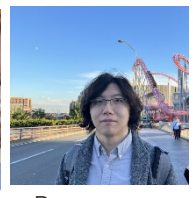
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Advisor
Ji Yuan



Program
Coordinator
Tianyu Li

Facility & Location

Located in the Haidian District of Beijing which is known for its rich and fertile intellectual ecology of top universities, research academies, and government agencies, the Center provides space for seminars and conferences, as well as faculty offices and study areas. Easily accessed by car or public transportation, the Center is a welcoming environment of fluidity and exchange that brings together diverse perspectives and experiences.

The University of Chicago Center in Beijing has more than 2,000 square meters of space, including offices for University of Chicago faculty-in-residence and staff, as well as a variety of classrooms and conference facilities. Center staff are available to facilitate the work of faculty and students.



Programs Hosted

Study Abroad

The Center in Beijing is home to the Young Du Chung Chin East Asian Civilizations Program in Beijing, which will resume in Autumn 2024. The course treats aspects of East Asian culture, history, politics, and society, with its emphasis shifting from year to year in accordance with its faculty leadership. In addition to the civilization coursework, students take a fourth course in Chinese language, taught at various levels, designed to facilitate their access to the local culture. Beijing itself, the fabled “Northern Capital” of the Ming Dynasty, now the political and cultural capital of modern China, plays a key role in this program, and a series of excursions and site visits helps connect the courses with the physical reality, past and present of China.

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IMPACT IN 2023-24

Metrics

77 UChicago visitors to the Center in Beijing

1M+ Social media exposures via WeChat and Weibo

151 External visitors to the Center in Beijing

147 UChicago alumni engaged

3189 Event participants

Highlights

Building academic collaborations

Reassessing Timber-Frame Architectural Traditions in Southeast Shanxi, China: A Multidisciplinary Exploration

In an endeavor to reevaluate the rich visual and material heritage of Southeast Shanxi, China—a region nestled in the southeast of the Tai Hang Mountains—the Center in Beijing and UChicago Center for the Art of East Asia jointly organized a two-day seminar held from August 12th to 13th. Commencing with keynote speeches by esteemed professors Wei-Cheng Lin and Wu Hung, both from the University of Chicago, this seminar embarked on a nuanced exploration of the complexities inherent to this unique region. This seminar, one of UChicago Center in Beijing's Provost Global Faculty Award programs, exemplifies a significant stride in reevaluating the historical importance of the region. It serves as a platform for experts and scholars to exchange ideas and insights, illuminating a more comprehensive interpretation of Southeast Shanxi's abundant heritage. Notably, over 200 attendees contributed to the seminar's success.



The UChicago-Getty Postdoctoral Workshop in Chinese Art, held on August 14th, 2023, witnessed a fruitful gathering of nine Chinese domestic and international students. This intensive workshop, hosted by the Center, offered a unique platform for deep exploration of Chinese art.

UChicago-Getty Postdoctoral Workshop in Chinese Art: A Stimulating Exchange of Ideas

Guiding this academic endeavor was Professor Wu Hung. Over the course of two weeks, the program featured rigorous academic sessions, punctuated by individual presentations on dissertation projects. Professor Wu included discussions on art historical writing structures and dialogues with guest speakers specializing in Chinese art.

Participants also seized the opportunity to explore Beijing's cultural offerings, as they visited museums, exhibitions, and art studios. The workshop concluded with dissertation proposal presentations and a constructive roundtable discussion.

The 9th Joint Conference of the University of Chicago and PUMCH Liver Surgery: Systematic Treatment and Surgical Improvement of Hepatobiliary Pancreatic Diseases in the COVID Era

We welcomed visitors back to the annual conference sponsored jointly by the University of Chicago, PUMCH, and Journal Hepatobiliary Surgery and Nutrition (HBSN). This was the 9th conference and dates to the 1st year the University of Chicago Center in Beijing was established. The only interruption in the conference schedule was mandated by the COVID pandemic.

This year's conference focused on the significant advances for the treatment of hepatobiliary pancreatic diseases that occurred despite the limitations brought on by COVID.



Science and medicine makes progress even in the most extreme circumstances. We highlighted many of the systemic therapies that have occurred in the last several years and that have made surgical treatment more successful, and featured a look forward into the next series of advances that are on the cusp of clinical implementation. We gathered a very impressive list of internationally recognized experts in their fields to share the fruits of their clinical practice as well as insights into the future.

The Transformation of the College and the History of the University over the last 30 years

On the evening of September 25th, 2023, Prof. Boyer gave a talk on “The Transformation of the College and the History of the University over the last 30 years” at the Center .



After five long and eventful years, Prof. Boyer came back to the Center, offering some remarks about the recent history of the University and the College, and providing updates on new developments to the UChicago community in China. There were more than 60 people who joined the event; many of them asked meaningful questions and had friendly interaction and communication with Prof. Boyer.

Prof. Patrick Jagoda Explores the Intersection of Games and Modern Society

On November 21st, Professor Patrick Jagoda, Director of the Department of Media Art and Design at UChicago, delivered a thought-provoking lecture, discussing the profound impact of electronic games on art, visual aesthetics, and narrative storytelling, as well as their influence on addressing significant societal issues. The Center in Beijing also invited Professor Tang Keyang from Tsinghua University's Future Lab to have a dialogue with Professor Jagoda. More than 60 people joined the event.



An Interdisciplinary Dialogue: Exploring the Intersection of Art History and Architecture

On January 13th, 2024, the Center held an invigorating interdisciplinary dialogue between two luminaries from the field of art history and architecture. Under the title of “Permeation: A Dialogue Between an Art Historian and an Architect”, the event showcased the remarkable expertise of two prominent figures: Professor Wu Hung, a renowned art historian critic and professor at the University of Chicago, and Yung Ho Chang, distinguished architect, founder of FCJZ, and MIT Emeritus Professor.



The Center welcomed the public to join in and witness the profound conversation by opening up its registration online, providing the participants an invaluable opportunity to engage directly with the two experts. Over 150 people joined the event in-person.

Convention and Anomaly: An Art History Workshop

In an exhilarating blend of tradition and innovation, the Center hosted a pioneering art history workshop on March 2, 2024. The workshop was organized by renowned professor Wu Hong, PKU and the Central Academy of Fine Arts. Scholars from various fields had fruitful discussions and exchanged ideas. The workshop opened its registration to the public for offline participation, with over one hundred people joining the event, providing art enthusiasts, amateurs, and professionals alike the precious opportunity to engage directly with up-to-date art historical discourse.

The Intersection of Art History and Archeology: An Exploration of the Chinese

Landscape Art

On March 3, 2024, the Center hosted a prominent scholarly seminar titled “Chinese Shanshui as a Medium: The Intersection of Art History and Archaeology” .

The seminar brought together eminent figures from the fields of art history and archaeology to explore the profound theme of Chinese “Shanshui” , meaning Chinese landscapes. Over two hundred people attended the event in person and for those who could not attend offline, it was accessible through live streams.

UChicago Medicine China Forum 2024

On March 12, 2024, the Center hosted the UChicago Medicine China Forum 2024, which focused on cutting-edge advancements in cancer treatment. The forum featured Dr. Mitchell Posner, Physician-in-Chief at the UChicago Comprehensive Cancer Center, as the keynote speaker, where he shared insights into current cancer treatments and future care prospects.

A key prelude to the forum was the meeting with Dr. Zhao Haiping, President of the Affiliated Hospital of Inner Mongolia Medical University, which underlined the collaborative efforts between UChicago and Chinese medical communities. Additionally, the event garnered significant media attention, with Dr. Posner being interviewed by leading outlets like People’s Daily Health and 21st Century Business Herald, enhancing the forum’s outreach and impact.

UChicago Undergraduate Admission Info Session

On March 13th, the Center hosted an Undergraduate Admission Information Session, gathering an audience of approximately 250 prospective students and parents. The session was led by Linqing Wang, the Assistant Director of Enrollment and Student Advancement at UChicago. Wang delivered a presentation that elucidated the University's numerous strengths, including highlighting the significant role of UChicago's core curriculum. The session also included a Q&A segment for the students and parents to directly communicate their detailed questions about the admissions process and student life at UChicago with the admissions officer.



This information session not only directly engaged with outstanding prospective students from diverse cultural backgrounds, but also showcased the Center as concrete evidence of UChicago's dedication to support all of its community members in China.

The Harris School's Reception at the UChicago Center in Beijing

During spring break, a student delegation from the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago traveled to China on a policy immersion trip, led by Brandon Kurzweg, Director of Student Engagement. The delegation hosted a reception at the Center, drawing over 50 participants, including Harris alumni, current and prospective students.

The reception provided a dynamic platform for networking, idea exchange, and strengthening ongoing relationships within the UChicago community. It also underscored the Center's mission to foster strong ties between the U.S. and China through UChicago community members.

International Infectious Diseases Specialty Training and Professional Development Symposium

Specialty training in China is in a stage of early development. There is a critical need to establish guidelines for clinician competency through the development of standardized fellowship training. Infectious diseases (ID) as a specialty area particularly faces many challenges to train ID specialists. ID has not been recognized as a subspecialty, and there is no comprehensive training curriculum to train and certify qualified ID specialists. In recent years, some elite medical institutions have taken initiatives to design and pilot ID training curricula targeting trainees who have completed standardized residency training programs to become ID specialists.



This conference aims to provide a platform for the ID training insiders to discuss the experiences and lessons learned from these pilot programs, and shed light on other programs that are currently pursuing ways to design and improve ID specialty training. More than 30 people joined the event.

Health and Morality: Exploring Renaissance Lessons in Modern Governance



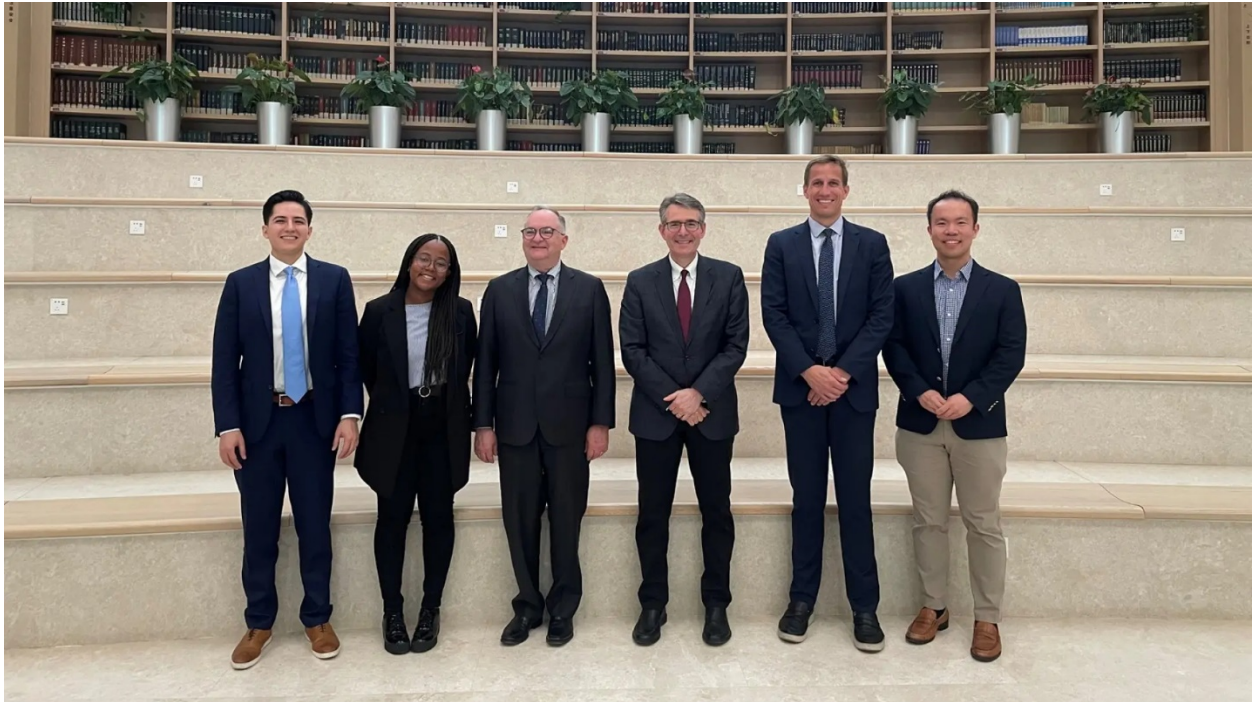
On April 22, Professor Philippe Desan, a prestigious scholar and Emeritus Professor at the University of Chicago, delivered an engaging lecture at the University of Chicago Center in Beijing. Titled “The Corruption of Morals in the Renaissance: A Medical Model,” the lecture was part of a well-attended event that utilized Michel de Montaigne’s philosophical ideas to address social challenges in modern society.

The lecture was followed by a half-hour interactive session, featuring dialogue and Q&A with Professor Desan, Professor Jiang Che, Associate Professor at Tsinghua University specializing in the history of science, and Professor Gao Ji, Assistant Professor at Peking University with expertise in early modern French literature. The experts provided fresh perspectives from their respective academic fields.



The event concluded with a networking reception, where attendees had the opportunity to discuss their thoughts on the lecture over refreshments. This reception provided a space for a further exchange of ideas among scholars, students, and enthusiasts of Renaissance literature and philosophy.

Students from Pritzker School of Medicine Had Fulfilling Experience in China during Spring Quarter



The funds were designed to support 4-5 Pritzker School of Medicine 4th year students to experience health care in a global setting – specifically Beijing. In addition to the experience at PUMC/H all 4 students were able to attend and participate in two clinical ethics conferences organized by the UChicago and Peking University Health Science Center (also thanks to PGFA awards). PUMC/H were able to accommodate the 1st request for our students in terms of their desired electives: Orthopedics, Psychiatry, Urology, General Surgery – Hepatobiliary Surgery. All 4 students described their experience as “excellent” and would highly recommend it to other 4th year students. Some excerpts from the each student’ s report on their experience:

Orthopedics (Rimel Mwamba) – “My recent global health experience at Peking Union Medical College Hospital (PUMCH) in Beijing, China was an enriching and transformative journey, both professionally and personally.”



Urology (David Velasquez) – “Overall, this elective has been my most memorable and insightful course at Pritzker so far.”

Psychiatry (Samuel Chen) – “I valued the experience of meeting other medical students – comparing experiences, sharing meals, and deepening cross cultural exchange.”



General Surgery – Hepatobiliary surgery (Allen Zhu) – “This rotation was both incredibly busy and enlightening, and provided me with deeper insights into the Chinese healthcare system and its stark contrast with America.”

PKU-UChicago Collaborative Forum on Chicago Tradition of Social Sciences

A New Generation Carries the Torch



Peking University and the University of Chicago are two of the world's most prestigious institutions with over a century of history, and they have each played a crucial role in developing social sciences in China and the United States. To promote further cooperation and exchange between the two universities, Peking University and the University of Chicago Center in Beijing jointly sponsored a collaborative forum titled "The Formation, Development and Contributions of the Chicago Tradition of Social Sciences."



This unique event was spearheaded by a new generation of scholars who received their training at the University of Chicago. These young scholars brought fresh insights to the forum, shedding new light on the Chicago tradition and its contributions to the social sciences. Their participation highlighted the enduring strength of the Chicago tradition and how it continues to be advanced by new generations of scholars.

The forum brought together scholars from China, the United States, France, Canada, etc., to participate in extensive academic discussions that delved into the educational and academic traditions of research universities while incorporating disciplinary history and the life histories of scholars.

The two-day forum, held on June 21 and 22 at PKU's Second Gymnasium and the UChicago Center in Beijing respectively, brought together distinguished scholars to discuss the Chicago tradition of social sciences. This event concluded a 3-year lecture series with the same theme. The opening ceremony featured speeches by esteemed scholars, laying a solid foundation for further discussions in the four sub-forums. The forum featured three fascinating sub-forums at Peking University, moderated by prestigious scholars and covering a wide range of topics. These discussions included political spatiality, early Chinese students in UChicago, and the influence of the Chicago School on Canadian sociology. Each sub-forum ended with a free discussion session, enabling scholars to engage in in-depth conversation and exchange perspectives.

Body and Empiricism Workshop

The “Body and Empiricism Workshop” ,hosted by the Peking University School of Health Humanities and the University of Chicago Center in Beijing, was held from June 27th to June 28th at Peking University School of Health Humanities, and from July 1st to July 2nd at the University of Chicago Center in Beijing. The workshop used the framework of science and technology studies to explore and discuss the body, empiricism, and perception through the approaches of anthropology, phenomenology, and history.



At Peking University School of Health Humanities, Professor Michael Rossi gave two lectures on the history of empiricism. During the first afternoon, the twenty one students were divided into five groups to work on their group projects, which they presented on the second afternoon.



At the University of Chicago Center in Beijing, Professor Judith Farquhar led the second part of the workshop through exploring the concepts of the body and empiricism.

Professor Lili Lai gave a lecture on the second morning on the historical entanglement of Chinese medicine and cybernetics. The second part of the workshop also featured group projects and presentations. Throughout, the students were encouraged to engage and think critically with the reading materials and formulate ideas of their own on the topics discussed.

2024 Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Green Energy Conference

The Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Program is a 5-week pre-professional summer fellowship for students to expand their knowledge of Chinese renewable energy development language and culture and interact with peer students.



As part of program, the University of Chicago Center in Beijing hosted the 2024 Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Green Energy Conference. The conference was a three-day event, from June 24th to June 26th, that invited leading professionals and academics in the field of green energy to lead a series of lectures and discussions on topics such as China's environmental regulations, policies toward carbon neutrality, the development of photovoltaic power, renewable energy integration, and the future of hydrogen and wind energy.



Master in Computational Social Sciences Program Info Session at Beijing Center

On June 17th, the University of Chicago hosted an information session for its Masters in Computational Social Science program at the University of Chicago Center in Beijing. The information session included details about the program such as course progression, student outcomes, faculty and current student experience, the application process, Q&A sessions, and other MA programs.



Dr. Zhao Wang, Assistant Instructional Professor of the Division of Social Science, led the informative session that covered topics such as core courses, research opportunities, student experiences, and career outcomes regarding the program. Sparkle Dalphinis and Jean Clipperton from the Division of Social Science also joined the session remotely on Zoom. This event was a great opportunity to connect with the program directly and

learn more about the program.

Alumni & public engagement

Growing the Center in Beijing' s Social Media Presence

Upon the UChicago Beijing Center' s initial launch in 2010, communication was not conceived as an essential part of the Center' s mission. The only channel for communication was the Center' s website. With continuous development, the Center saw the need to better engage with the local community, including partners, students, parents, and friends through social media.

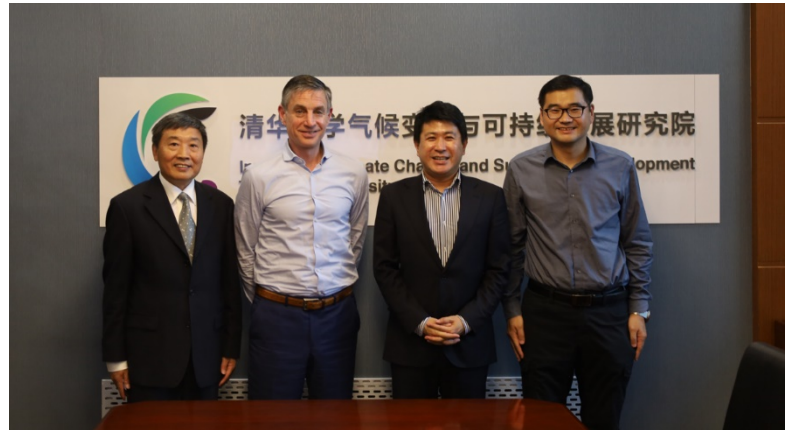
The Center' s WeChat Public Account and Weibo were thus launched. Their value as platforms to connect people to UChicago and promote the global profile of the University in China was particularly felt during the pandemic, when many of the conceived functions of the Center were paused. We gathered information, including events updates, news reports, stories, notices, announcements, or interviews, from the official communications sources of the University, such as the University' s website and its Twitter and Instagram accounts, translated them into Chinese, and posted them on our WeChat Public Account and at least two pieces on our Weibo every weekday- about 300 on WeChat and 600 on Weibo this academic year. Additionally, the platforms were and still are used by different entities at the University as a way to get their messages across to Chinese audiences. This effort has not only helped strengthen the University' s global presence in China, but also become a trusted source of information for anyone interested in getting to know UChicago.

Our effort has won the admiration of our peer centers in China, as they wish to do as much as we have done. The following two examples show the impact of the Center' s effort in this respect. When translated articles *University of Chicago' s new Center in Paris named for John W. Boyer* and *Chicago Booth' s PhD Programs receives \$100 million gift in celebration of its 100th anniversary* were posted on our WeChat and Weibo accounts, several people from our partner institutions got in touch with us and expressed strong hopes to visit our Center in Paris. Meanwhile, a number of alumni, parents, and students congratulated us for Booth' s strong growth either via calling us or leaving a message in the comments section.

Supporting China-Chicago connections

Developing Strategic Relationships

The pandemic disrupted the normal operations of the Center, but our efforts to maintain the connections we have developed over the years were actually strengthened. By communicating with our Chinese partners via WeChat and meeting with them whenever possible, we have kept in close touch with our counterparts at the Ministry of Education, the Education Office at the Chinese Consulate General in



Chicago, Peking University, Tsinghua University, Renmin University, PUMC, PUMCH, Wuhan University, Zhejiang University, and others. For example, during the pandemic and after China reopened to the outside world, the Center used its close connections with the Education Office at the Chinese Consulate General in Chicago to help facilitate the process for several UChicago PhD candidates and faculty members to get visas to China.



As the University's vigilant representatives on the ground, our commitment to fostering strong relationships within our local community remains unwavering. This dynamic community encompasses diverse stakeholders, ranging from government agencies and the vibrant business sector to esteemed educational institutions. Throughout the year, we have played an integral role as an active participant in AmCham China, contributing our insights to numerous situational reports and surveys.

We have actively engaged in high-level conferences, often organized at the ministry level, where we have lent our voices and support to various initiatives driving educational reform. In this process, we have solidified our position as a trusted source of information and a reliable expert resource, demonstrating our dedication to facilitating positive change and progress within our community.

Additional activities

UChicago faculty & staff

Hosted in-person events at the Center in Beijing for Profs. Xuan Feng, Zhiguo He, Daniel Johnson, Emily Landon, and Thomas Talhelm

Conducted workshops with newly admitted students and families to alleviate their anxiety and help them better prepare for living and studying on campus

Students

Acted as a bridge between UChicago and families of incoming students to ease communications and explain university policies and procedures



Placed six College Metcalf interns in China

Alumni & community

Worked closely with the Beijing Alumni Club to organize events and activities

Helped the College Dean's Family Council to identify new members and opportunities in China

Met with local partners in person on behalf of faculty, promoted potential collaborations

Student and faculty exchange MOUs with USTC are in progress

Strategic relationships

Facilitated University of Chicago Associate Dean Visits Chinese Universities

Dr. Dina Rashed, the Associate Dean of the College for Academic Affairs at the University of Chicago, recently embarked on her first visit to China. As her current responsibilities at the University of Chicago include overseeing international student exchange programs and enhancing the undergraduate academic experience, Dr. Rashed's trip to China marks a significant step in fostering academic

collaboration and cultural exchange between the University of Chicago and leading Chinese universities.



On June 14, Dr. Rashed visited Peking University and Renmin University of China. During her time at these universities, she engaged in fruitful discussions on the student exchange program as well as the prospect of strengthening further collaboration. These discussions aimed to explore ways to expand the current programs between UChicago and these institutions in China. In addition to her university visits, she spent time at the University of Chicago Center in Beijing.

Besides

visiting Beijing, Dr. Rashed's itinerary also included visits to some of the most prominent universities in Shanghai and Hangzhou. On June 19, she continued her trip to Fudan University and ShanghaiTech University, and visited Westlake University in Hangzhou on the following day. She engaged in in-depth discussions at these universities and explored the potential for future collaboration. Notably, Westlake University's first group of unilateral study abroad students to the University of Chicago will embark on their journey in the fall of 2024.



Dr. Rashed expressed a strong desire to return to China for deeper engagements with institutions in China in the future. Her compact yet enriching visit underscores the University of Chicago's commitment to enhancing international partnerships and providing students with global opportunities.

Appendix

Events

Date	Title	Type	Audience	# Attendees
Jul 8, 2023	Chinese Painting Five Dynasties to Southern Song	In-person	Public	202
Jul 20, 2023	Sharing Sessions with Alumni on ESG Topics	In-person	Alumni	10
Jul 21, 2023	UChicago Harris DPSS Session One In-Person Gathering	In-person	By invitation	12
Jul 22, 2023	China Harris Alumni Student Summer Send-Off	In-person	By invitation	57
Jul 22, 2023	UChicago Harris 2023 Summer Alumni Event	In-person	By invitation	71
Aug 2, 2023	In-Person Happy Hour with Austin Wright	In-person	By invitation	121
Aug 12-13, 2023	PGFA-"Reassessing Timber-Frame Architectural Traditions in Southeast Shanxi, China: A Synthetic Approach"	In-person	Public	239
Aug 14-25, 2023	Getty Workshop	In-person	By invitation	16
Sep 3, 2023	The University of Chicago CSSA New Students Welcoming Social	In-person	By invitation	44
Sep 4, 2023	UChicago Information Session	In-person	Public	45
Sep 5, 2023	UChicago Launchpad	In-person	By invitation	40
Sep 8-9, 2023	PGFA-"The 9th Joint Conference of the University of Chicago and PUMCH Liver Surgery: Systematic Treatment and Surgical Improvement of Hepatobiliary Pancreatic Diseases in the COVID Era"	In-person	Public	147
Sep 25, 2023	The Transformation of the College and the History of the University over the last 30 years	In-person	Public	50
Nov 21, 2023	Patrick Jagoda on From Games to Wicked Problems	In-person	Public	37
Dec 13, 2023	UChicago 2023 Winter Quarter Career Trek	In-person	By invitation	43
Dec 24, 2023	PGFA-"Duty to the Self: Comparing the Fundamental Moral Values of People in the US and China"	In-person	Public	164
Dec 28, 2023	AI Age: How to Break Through?	In-person	Public	181
Jan 13, 2024	Dialogue between Profs. Wu Hung and Zhang Yonghe	In-person	Public	192

Feb 3, 2024	2024 University of Chicago Beijing Alumni Association New Year Reunion	In-person	Alumni	137
Mar 2, 2024	Workshop by Prof. Wu Hung with colleagues from PKU and Central Academy of Fine Arts	In-person	Public	146
Mar 3, 2024	Workshop by Prof. Wu Hung with colleagues from SANLIAN	In-person	Public	206
Mar 9, 2024	Shijing Reading Workshop by Prof. Edward Louis Shaughnessy	In-person	By invitation	10
Mar 11, 2024	Harris Reception at Center in Beijing	In-person	By invitation	62
Mar 12, 2024	UChicago Medicine China Forum 2024	In-person	Public	61
Mar 13, 2024	UChicago Undergraduate Information Session in Beijing	In-person	Public	231
Apr 20, 2024	PGFA-" Residency Exchange Program and International"	In-person	Public	45
Apr 22, 2024	Lecture by Prof. Philippe Desan	In-person	Public	33
Apr 23, 2024	Harris: Drop in with a Director in Beijing, China	In-person	By invitation	30
May 9-10, 2024	PGFA-"Medical & Surgical Decisions in Critically Ill Patients: Cross-Cultural Perspectives"& "China-US Conference on Clinical Ethics Consultation"	In-person	Public	80
May 11-16, 2024	PGFA-"Replicating ECHO Training in China: A Demonstration Project"	In-person	By invitation	18
Jun 12-14, 2024	PGFA-"Neuromodulation in Neurological and Psychiatric Disorders"	In-person	Public	305
Jun 15-16, 2024	Symposium on Palliative Care	In-person	Public	150
Jun 21-22, 2024	Workshop with PKU-"The Formation, Development and Contributions of the Chicago Tradition of Social Sciences"	In-person	Public	92
Jun 27-28, 2024	Workshop- "Empiricism in History and Culture"	In-person	By invitation	20
Jun 29- Jul 10, 2024	PGFA-"The Origin of Genes: Sexual Selection, Sexual Conflict and Neutrality"	In-person	By invitation	9

Grants Administered

Academic Events

Bodies of Knowledge: Medicine, Literature, History
Judith Farquhar | Anthropology

China-US Conference on Clinical Ethics Consultation
J. Michael Millis | Surgery

International Symposium on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
Raymond Roos | Neurology

Medical & Surgical Decisions in Critically Ill Patients
Peter Angelos | Surgery

Ninth Annual Conference on Advanced Therapies for Solid Tumors and Academic Development
J. Michael Millis | Surgery

Professional Development and Student Wellbeing in Medical Education Reform
Wei Wei Lee | Medicine

Sino-American Symposium: Major Mental Illness and Neurological Disorders
Xuan Feng | Neurology

Symposium on Clinical Leadership and Medical Education in China
Jonathan Lio | Medicine

The Future of China's Past
Ed Shaughnessy | East Asian Languages and Civilizations

Exploratory Trips

Relationship Building to Support an ECHO Demonstration Project in China
Daniel Johnson | Pediatrics

The Transpacific: Mapping Artistic Exchanges between Asia and the Americas
Orianna Cacchione | Smart Museum of Art

Research Projects

Assessing the Psychology Impact of the Transition to Post-Pandemic Society
Thomas Talhelm | Booth School of Business

City of Coiled Dragons: Joint Archaeological Field Project at Panlongcheng
Yung-ti Li | East Asian Languages & Civilizations

Incentivizing Citizens to Participate in Environmental Governance in Guangdong
Shaoda Wang | Harris School of Public Policy

Training Initiatives

Children's Medical Home in China: Early Development of Chinese Children
Michael Msall | Pediatrics

Empowering Patient/Family Centered Care Communication
Shellie Williams | Medicine

Resident Exchange and Residency Symposium
Renslow Sherer | Medicine

Student Trips

Control Art
Geof Oppenheimer | Visual Arts